

REMARKS

The present Amendment and Response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objections and/or rejections raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-13 are currently pending.

Claims 1, 5 and 6 have been amended without prejudice.

Claim 14 has been withdrawn.

Remarks to Amendments to the specification

Applicants have amended the title of the application to be more descriptive of the present invention, as requested by the Examiner.

Applicants have also amended the abstract to fully comply with requirement of MPEP §608.01(b). Support for the amendment may be found throughout the original specification, and in particular may be found at independent claim 1.

Applicants assert that the above amendments add no new matter.

Remarks to Claim Rejections

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Asai et al. (US Patent No. 6,828,510, “Asai”). In particular, the Office Action contends that Asai discloses forming lines 24 and 32 as illustrated in FIG. 2C of Asai.

Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 5 and dependent claim 6 without

prejudice. Applicants assert that the amendments are fully supported by the specification of record, and add no new matter.

Applicants assert that amended independent claims 1 and 5 are not taught, suggested, or implied by prior art references of record, in particular by Asai. According to MPEP 2131, a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. Applicants respectfully submit that rejections of claims 1-13 of instant application by the Office Action do not rise to the threshold as set forth by MPEP 2131.

For example, the Office Action contends that Asai discloses forming lines as illustrated by 24 and 32 in FIG. 3C. However, Asai does not teach, suggest, or imply forming metal foils (alleged 24 in FIG. 3C) into lines in areas not covered by the plating layer (alleged 28 in FIG. 3C), as specifically required by independent claims 1 and 5. In other words, Asai does not disclose forming metal foils (alleged 24 in FIG. 3C) into lines in areas covered by plating resist 26 but not by the plating layer (“28”) wherein the metal foils (“24”) are at least partially covered by the plating layer (“28”).

In view of above, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 5 are not anticipated by prior art reference Asai.

Claims 2-4 depend from claim 1 and include all the distinctive elements of claim 1 as well as other distinctive features and elements. Claims 6-13 depend from claim 5 and include all the distinctive elements of claim 5 as well as other distinctive features and elements. Thus, claims 2-4 and 6-13 are patentable for at least the reasons as discussed above with regard to claim 1 and claim 5, respectively.

In view of above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner’s rejections of claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) be withdrawn.

As being requested by the Office Action, Applicants have listed a non-limiting list of claim features and/or elements in the following table, with their respective reference numerals used in the drawings. Applicants provide this list in a good faith to advance the prosecution of the instant application. It is respectfully submitted that content of the list may be demonstrative samples from certain non-limiting embodiments of the invention,

and therefore shall not be construed in any way to limit the scope of the claims.

Claim	Features and/or Element	Numerals in FIG.
1, 5	an insulating substrate	12
	a layer of metal foil, metal foil	14
	a plating layer	16
	line	14a
	land	22a, 22b
3	a dielectric layer	20
5	a first resist pattern	24
6	a second resist pattern	26b

Conclusion

In view of the preceding remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this paper. However, if there is any such fee due, please charge any such fee to deposit account No. 09-0458.

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